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SUBJECT : MEETING OF ALGERIAN IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN FRANCE

1. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMICALE DES ALGERIENS EN EUROPE (BRANCH OF FRONT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE IN FRANCE), HELD IN NICE ON JANUARY 9, 1977, WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS FROM THROUGHOUT SOUTH-EAST FRANCE. THE DELEGATES, REPRESENTING THE FULL SPECTRUM OF ALGERIAN IMMIGRANT WORKERS IN THIS AREA, REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE IN THEIR WORKING AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE GATHERING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY REGIONAL DELEGATE, MR SAID BEN MAKLOUF, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ALGERIAN VICE-CONSUL IN NICE MR CHEBOUTA. ALSO TAKING PART WERE MR BOUGHANEM NACER, MEMBER OF THE DIRECTING COMMITTEE : MR ADOU HOCINE, PRESS ATTACHE : AND MR BOUDJADA ABDELMADJID, DIRECTOR FOR THE COTE D AZUR.

2. THE CONFERENCE, ADDRESSED IN BOTH ARABIC AND FRENCH BY OFFICERS OF THE NATOONAL ASSOCIATION, STUDIED THE EFFECTS
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ON THE ALGERIAN WORKER OF THE PRESENT FRENCH ECONOMIC SITUATION, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON UNEMPLOYMENT. WHILE CALLING FOR A CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE IMMIGRANT WORKERS, SEVERAL DELEGATES CALLED ATTENTION TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY AND SEGREGATION WHICH STILL PREVAILS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF FRANCE.

3. IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUED LACK OF PROFESSIONAL FORMATION FOR ADULTS. SUCH A FORMATION HAS BEEN PROMISED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DELEGATES DECLARED THAT THEY WERE MORE THAN SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE EDUCATION OF THEIR YOUTH IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE IN FRANCE. PRESENT STATISTICS INDICATE THAT OVER 3,800 CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS ARE BEING TAUGHT IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE IN FRANCE. SATISFACTION WAS ALSO EXPRESSED AT THE MARKED PROGRESS NOTED IN THE SOCIAL FIELD : OVER FOUR HUNDRED (400) LEGAL CASES (MAINLY LABOR DISPUTES) INVOLVING ALGERIAN CITIZENS WERE SETTLED IN THE FRENCH COURTS IN 1976. AT THE END OF THE DAY S DELIBERATINNS, THE ASSEMBLY VOTED TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE FRENCH UNIONS FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE PROVIDED IN SEEKING THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS FOR ALGERIAN IMMIGRANTS DURING 1976.

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